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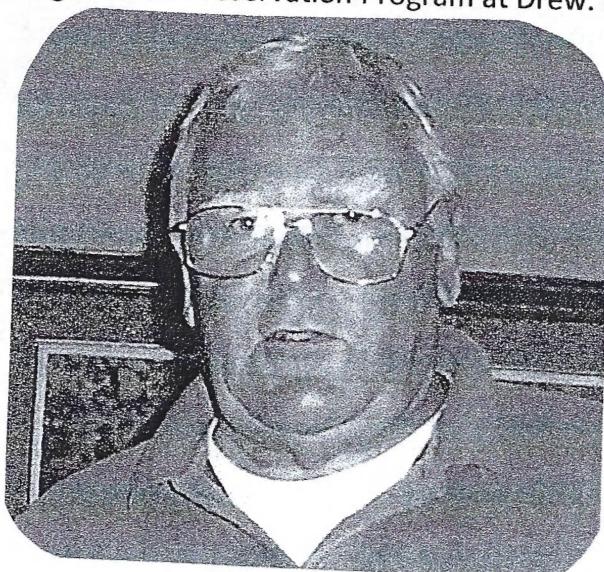
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## President's Message

Hi - I finally got in to the office again (and my computer). I am tempted to say something about this winter but my language may offend some folks! Bob Schopp has suggested that I encourage you all to use our ads - good idea - I do. Gary has put together another great newsletter and I just want to add a few words to Dave Gladfelter's piece. (I don't have the issue in front of me and I hope I have the right Ogden). The Ogden and Gibbons feud was infamous in that day. One aspect was that Gibbons went to Ogden's house in Elizabeth with a horse whip but Gibbons fled through a back door (or so the story goes). The feud grew out of a dispute between the two in regard to ferrying from New Jersey to Manhattan. Ogden had bought the rights to ferry but Gibbons wanted to compete. He hired Cornelius Vanderbilt - yes THE Vanderbilt to run a rival ferry the "Bellona" (after the Roman goddess of war) to New York. This was illegal according to New York authorities but they could never catch Vanderbilt. On one occasion they boarded the Bellona but only found a young woman at the wheel - Vanderbilt was hiding in a false compartment. Eventually a case came before the Supreme Court which ruled in favor of Gibbons (Daniel Webster was his lawyer - John Marshall Chief Justice). This case established that interstate commerce was regulated by the federal government, not the states. Gibbons vowed to ruin Ogden and he did. He was enormously wealthy with huge holdings and slaves in the south. Ogden went to debtor's prison in New York but was "sprung" by a boyhood friend - Aaron Burr (yes THE Aaron Burr). Gibbons left his enormous wealth to his son, who married a gal from New York, who fell in love with a wooded area in Madison, New Jersey. He built her a home there in acceptable aristocratic southern Greek Revival style. This is now the magnificent Mead Hall at Drew University. (One could write a few words about Mr. Drew). If you can't get to Mead Hall, keep watching The Sopranos - it is booked as the administration building at Colby College in Maine, where Tony takes Meadow for an interview. Gibbons lost everything in the Civil War. He was a major slave owner and southern sympathizer. He was serious about horses, and one of his stables has been nominated to the National Register. Hope I got the right Ogden. If not, I think it is a fairly interesting story! I love Mead Hall. I used to go fairly often when I taught in the Preservation Program at Drew. It is open to the public and well worth visiting.

Pete

P.S. I RE-READ  
DAVID'S FINE PIECE.  
I DID HAVE THE RIGHT  
OGDEN.  
I NEGLECTED TO  
WELCOME OUR NEW  
MEMBERS. WELCOME!



**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS**

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LCDZIUBEK@ZOOMINTERNET.NET (724) 789-7372, Larry collects PA., Communion  
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**Joe Copeland, P.O. Box 4221, Oak Ridge, TN. 37831-4221 email –  
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**Gary Scozzafava, 210 Jackson Ave. North Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120 email –  
TAGSNRAGS@AOL.COM Gary collects N.Y. plus N.Y. Dog Tags - See his Ad in the  
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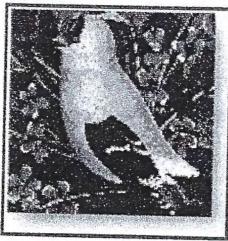
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HOWARDK758@AOL.COM Howard is cataloging Connecticut tokens.**

**Don Bailey, P.O. Box 1272, Etowah, N.C. 28729 (828)-891-3501, email-  
ELADON@MORRISBB.NET Don just became interested in circus and carnival tokens  
but his principal interest is in North Carolina tokens.**

**Ed Wolf, 2 Paul Place, Palm Coast, Fl. 32164 (386)-7933-3822, email-  
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**Ron Thompson – Thank you for your donation to the club.**

**NOTICE – New Editor is needed. Gary has stepped down effective  
immediately because he needs time to address health issues. If you are  
interested in helping the club please get in touch with Pete (President).**



### NEW JERSEY STATE BIRD – EASTERN GOLDFINCH

Lakewood, N.J. was a popular winter resort town and had a lot of gambling. In the mid 1920's, Joseph Fero, apparently McGill's 'fall guy' was arrested in Lakewood for operating a gambling house (it was raided by the sheriff). Fero admitted Lester McGill was the proprietor. The XYZ chips were delivered to Lester McGill, at his business address in NJ, in 1935 and then again in 1938 and used in his operation at the nearby Lakewood Club.

I would like to thank member Archie Black for sending in the above information.



Lester G. McGill,  
311½ Main St.,  
Allenhurst, N.J.

old style monogram  
"XYZ" all large  
letters in gold

XYZ

1100 B-9 -600 W - 400 Choc.-100 Green  
Nwk. Inv. #200-6/24/3  
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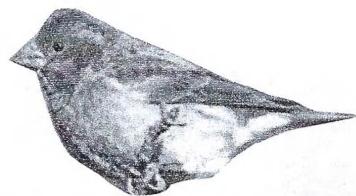
### Lakewood Club Raided On Gambling Charges

LAKEWOOD. Dec. 31 (P).—Six men were arrested today in the Lakewood Club by a raiding party lead by Police Chief Delmar Johnson, of Toms River.

A truck load of gambling paraphernalia, including a roulette table, dice table, and 14 slot machines, was confiscated, police said. The raid was ordered by Common Pleas Judge Russell G. Conover.

The men arrested were Joseph Fero, alleged operator of the club; George Gregory, Lewis Roth, Charles Demmey, Rufus Hastings, and Morris Lour, all of Lakewood.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BIRD – PURPLE FINCH

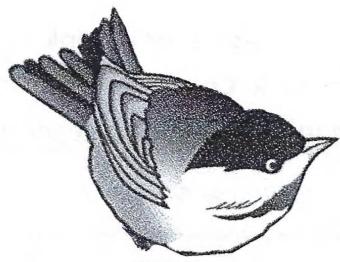


I was surfing Ebay under "LUCKY POCKET PIECE" when I came across this Alum. token with a starting price of 99¢. The seller didn't list it under exonumia so I guess no other collectors saw it and I won it. I found Alvin W. Sanders was born in 1850 and listed in the 1900 census. He was married but had no children and last showed up in the 1920 N.H. city directory. gp



Young Hat Co. These cardboard tokens (in Alum. frame) appear on the market from time to time and in most cases are attributed to Norwalk, Conn. But New York collectors may want to add them in their collection because from 1916 to 1925 they are listed in New York City directories.

MAINE & MASS. STATE BIRD – CHICKADEE

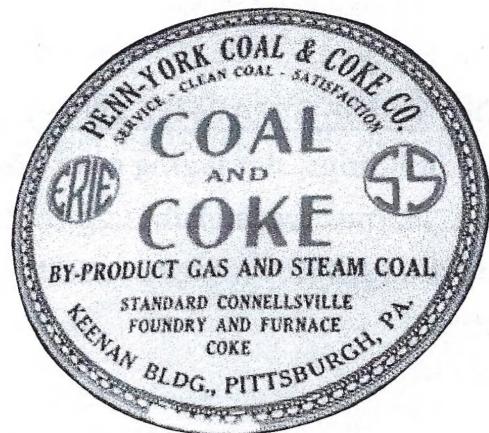
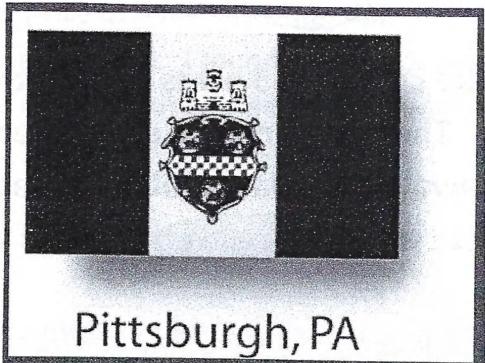


**BANGOR, MAINE GREAT FIRE OF 1911** – The fire covered 55 acres and destroyed over 267 buildings, damaging over 100 more. The fire started in a hay shed on Broad St. Flames were visible up to 25 miles away. The watch fob was made by Greenduck-Chicago. You can read the complete story on the web which is very interesting.



ENCASED CENT – 1948¢ - BEAN & CONQUEST, INC. BANGOR, MAINE SOLD AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES.

The wooden nickel was good for a drink – the address is the same but the name is no longer Denny's. The Penn-York Coal & Coke Co. is a celluloid paperweight. My son was working in Pittsburgh and ate lunch at the Bootleggers (the bartender gave him the two drink chips). Gp



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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL – IF IT HAS A YELLOW MARKER OVER THE NUMBER “10” YOUR 2011 DUES IS DUE. This may be your last issue. We value your membership and hope you will send your dues to the Treasure Bob Schopp (\$8.) A few members always pay at the G.S.N.A. Convention – this is O:K if you just let us know. Thank you.**

## Club News

By now most of you have heard token dealer and collector Steve Tannebaum was killed in N.Y.C.. Steve was a life member of our club. His untimely death was a shock to the people who knew him best. He will be missed by many.

The Lincoln Highway maverick token in the last issue – Member Edward Craig (Baltimore, MD.) reported that it is listed in the recently published update of the Maryland T.A.M.S. book as an “Unlisted” token from Baltimore.

Our annual meeting at the Garden State Numismatic Asso' Convention held in May 12, 13, 14, at the Ukrainian Center in Somerset, N.J. will take place on Saturday – Time & room will be posted at the convention. Hope many of you can make it.

### Ad's

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Les Smith is looking for Michigan Tokens - Check your trading box – you may find something that he needs. Box 2334, Battle Creek, MI. 49016 [tokensmith@ameritech.net](mailto:tokensmith@ameritech.net)

Howard (Knick) Knickerbocker is seeking information & tokens that he needs from Western Massachusetts for a possible trail listing. P.O. Box 126, Middlefield, MA. 01243, [HOWARDK758@AOL.COM](mailto:HOWARDK758@AOL.COM)



PENNA. STATE BIRD – RUFFED GROUSE

I couldn't find any information on Frank A. Lyte from Bird-In-Hand, PA. Maybe some of our PA. members can come up with some. I did find R.A. Becker (Pottsville, Pa.) was born around 1844 and came to American from Germany in 1861. He is listed in the 1900 census as a music teacher.

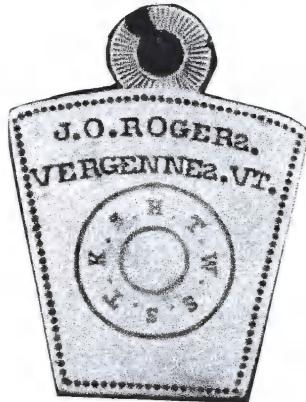
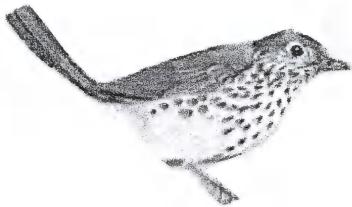


NEW YORK STATE BIRD - BLUEBIRD



The New York token is from Albany, N.Y. - J.P. Glavin is listed in the 1910 census as Proprietor of a saloon.

VERMONT STATE BIRD – HERMIT THRUSH



The only Rogers I could find living in Vergennes, VT. was Justin O. (20 yrs. Old) working for the R.R. in the 1870 census. H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. = HIRAM, TYRIAN, WIDOW'S SON, SENDETH TO KING SOLOMON.

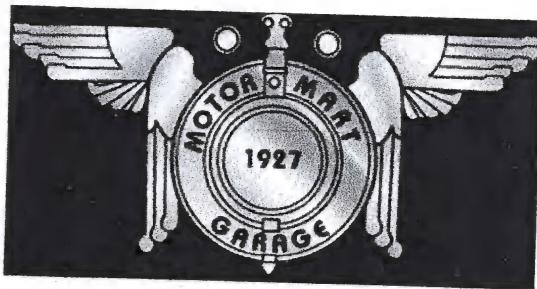
The 1912 Watch Fob from Fall River, Mass. – J.A. McCreery (Joseph first name) owned a Hardware store.



You would think S.J. Dishong had something to do with old trolley/streetcars with the one engraved on his I.D. Watch Fob. But he is listed as a House Carpenter in the 1920 census. He was born in 1865.



MASSACHUSETTS



The Motor Mart Garage opened in 1927 and was completely refurbished in 1999. The Watch Fob was made by the L.F. Grammes Co. of Allentown, PA.



## JOSEPH HIRTH.

Prominent Hartford German Business Man Is Dead.

Joseph Hirth, for years one of the most prominent of Hartford's German citizens, died at his home at No. 74 Jefferson street at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning after being confined to his home for two weeks following failing health for several months.

Mr. Hirth was born at Hauthausen-an-der-Schoor, Sigmaringen, Germany, on February 10, 1849. At the age of 18 he came to America and lived

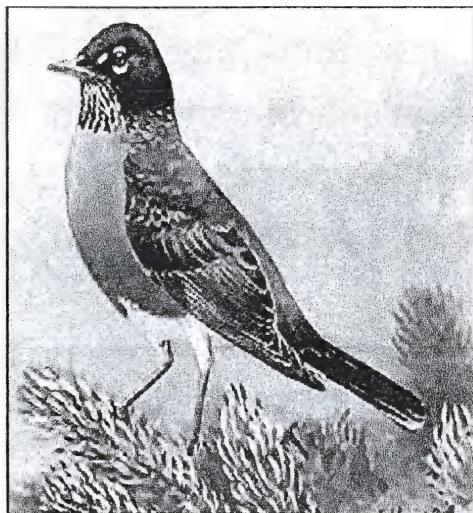


Joseph Hirth.

for a time in New York. Eleven years later, in 1876, he came to Hartford and began his business career, entering the liquor trade in the Buckingham block. He remained in the business at that place until two years ago, when he moved his place into his own building. Mr. Hirth was married to Emma Hunder, September 19, 1876. His wife died February 13, 1885. He leaves a son, Joseph Edward Hirth, who has been associated with his father in business for several years. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Henry A. Grim of Windsor and Miss Emma P. Hirth of this city. Miss Hirth is a graduate of Smith College. Mr. Hirth was a director of the German Aid Society, a past grand of Beethoven lodge J. O. O. F., a member of the Hartford Turnerbund and the Hartford Schuetzen Verein, and an honorary member of the Hartford Saengerhund.

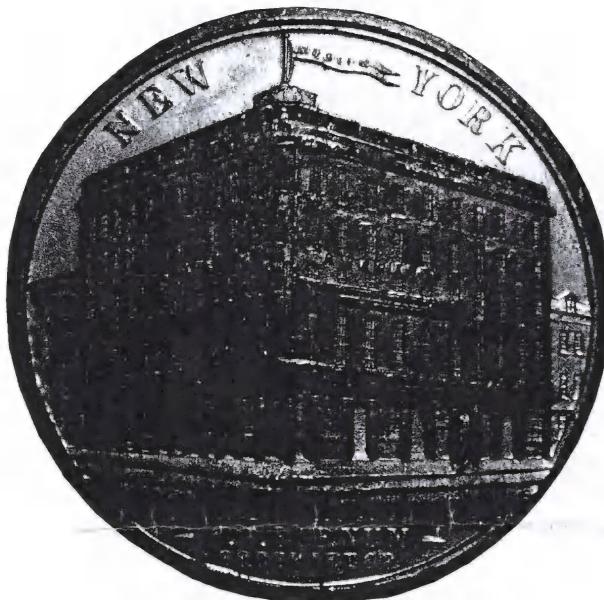
The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at his home. Rev. James W. Bradin, rector of the St. John's Episcopal Church, will officiate.

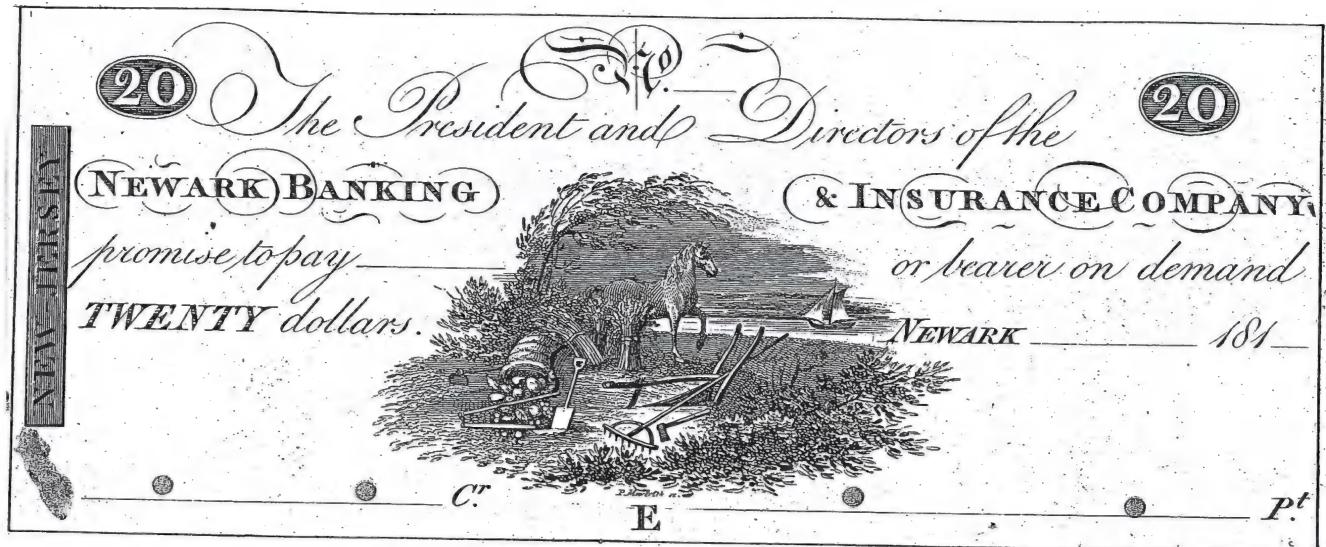
## CONNECTICUT STATE BIRD - ROBIN



JOSEPH HIRTH DIED 1915 - LISTED IN CONN. CITY DIRECTORY AS SALOON OWNER. SON JOSEPH EDWARD IS LISTED AS A LIQUOR DEALER.

I would like to thank member Bob Miller (of Staten Island, N.Y.) for sending in the following scans. The P.T. Barnum Museum building housed many different items including Coins & Medals. Admission was 25¢. The second medal is of Tom Thumb. The third & fourth is of John K. Curtis, Jeweller and Numismatist (I never saw this one before).





**Agriculture and commerce on the Passaic River at Newark in 1811**  
 A bucolic vignette engraved by Peter Maverick for New Jersey's first bank

*The Garden State Corner*

## NEW JERSEY NAVIGATION SCENES ON HER BANK NOTES

*David D. Gladfelter, NLG*

The rise of the banking industry in the 19<sup>th</sup> century coincided with a period of intense economic growth. "It was the period of the introduction of mechanization," wrote Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, "of the locomotive, of the steamship, of budding industrialization, and, at the same time, of the development of the backbone of the national economy – farming and cattle raising."

The bankers who financed this growth and expansion took pride in showing off their clientele's achievements, and they did so by illustrating them on their circulating notes. Most such notes utilized stock vignettes provided by the engraving companies, but bankers willing to pay the extra cost of custom work could issue notes with local scenes on them. For the bankers of New Jersey, situated between the Hudson and Delaware Rivers, both centers of navigation on which its major cities were built, river commerce became a natural subject for their notes. Let's take a look at some of them.

The example shown above is the work of Peter Maverick whose imprint appears modestly at the bottom center. Maverick, who began his bank note engraving career in New York, moved to Newark in 1809 and purchased 20 acres of farm land on the Passaic River. More likely than not, the setting for this composed scene was the view right outside his studio window. The distant sloop is typical of river traffic at the beginning of the steamboat era.

Another early sailing scene appears on the State Bank at Camden 3.00 note by Murray Draper Fairman & Co. (fig. 1). It's a dramatic moonlight view of a three-masted ship with furled sails in a rough sea off what appears to be the Cape Henlopen lighthouse in Delaware Bay. In the foreground are sailors rowing toward shore, perhaps seeking safety from their distressed vessel. "Near Philadelphia" is prominently displayed in the legend. This was the only New Jersey bank

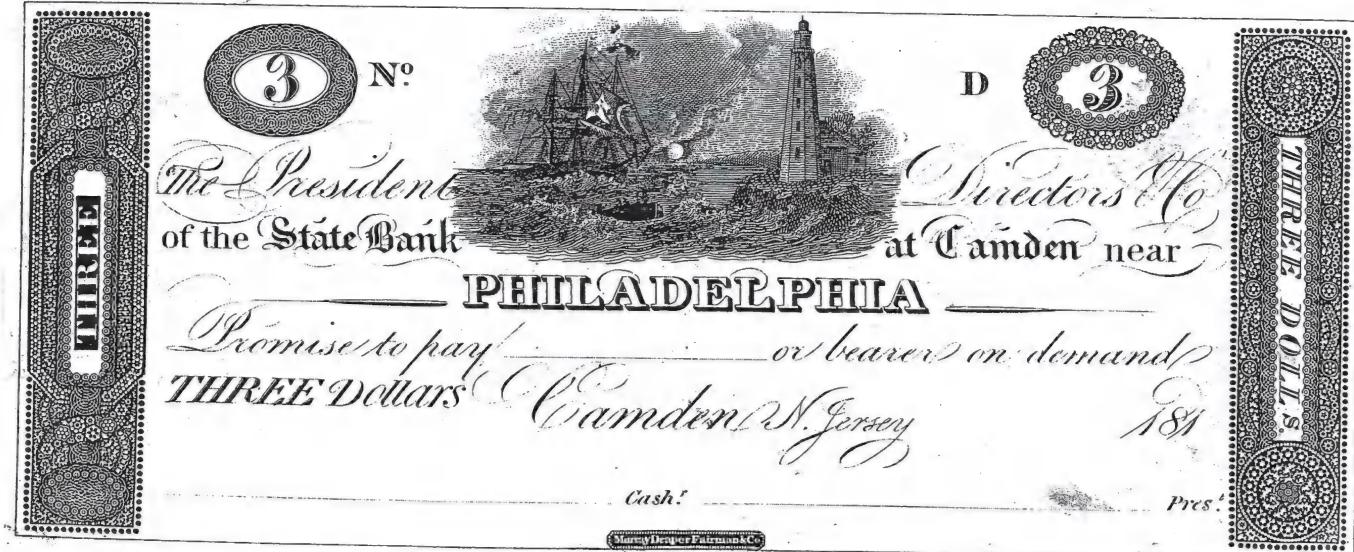


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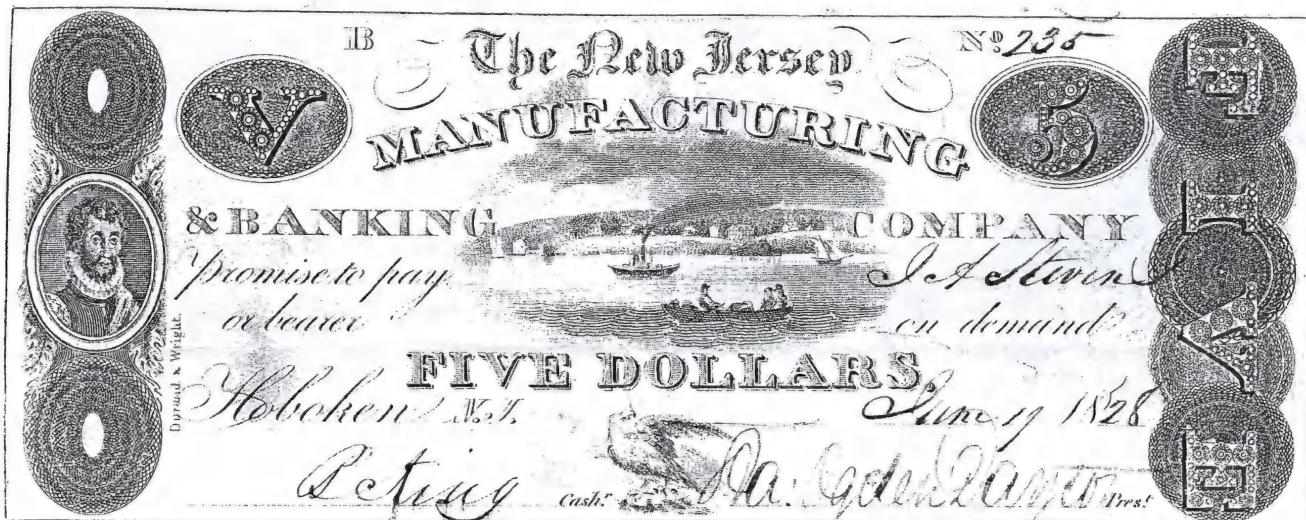
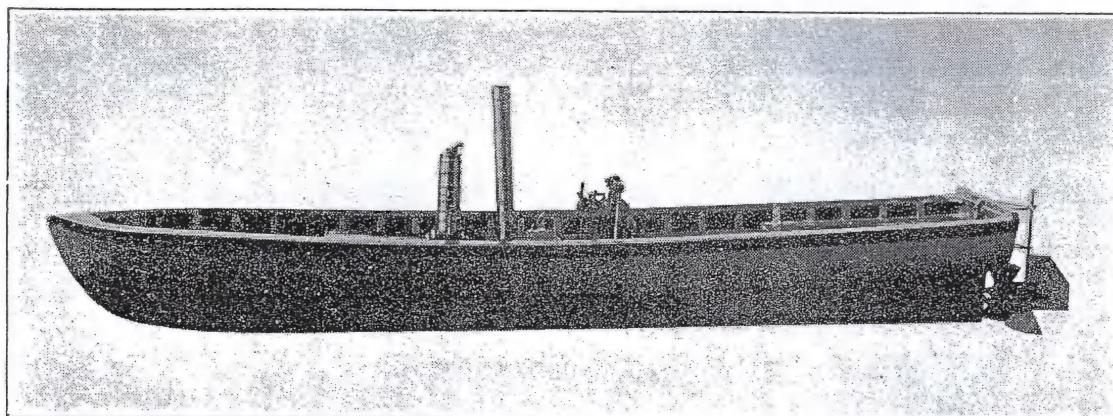


Fig. 2



A MODEL OF THE "LITTLE JULIANA"

Fig. 3

to set up a branch office out of state (at 12 Church Alley, later 223 Market St.) during the obsolete banking era.

The scene in fig. 2 is almost certainly the return leg of the maiden voyage of the Little Juliana, Colonel John Stevens's proto-steamboat (model shown in fig. 3). It chugged its way across the Hudson from lower Manhattan to Hoboken and back on a bright afternoon in May, 1804, operated by sons John Cox Stevens (at the helm) and Robert Livingston Stevens (working the boiler). This ingenious boat was powered not by stern or side paddle wheels, but by twin screw propellers, a design that ultimately proved more successful and generated greater speed. To the surprised crowd of onlookers, the boat had no visible means of propulsion! In the background of the vignette is the Hoboken waterfront with several wharves. Notice that the payee of the note is J(ames) A(lexander) Stevens, another of Colonel John's sons, an indication of the respect accorded to the Stevens family by the citizens of Hoboken at the time this note was issued a generation later.

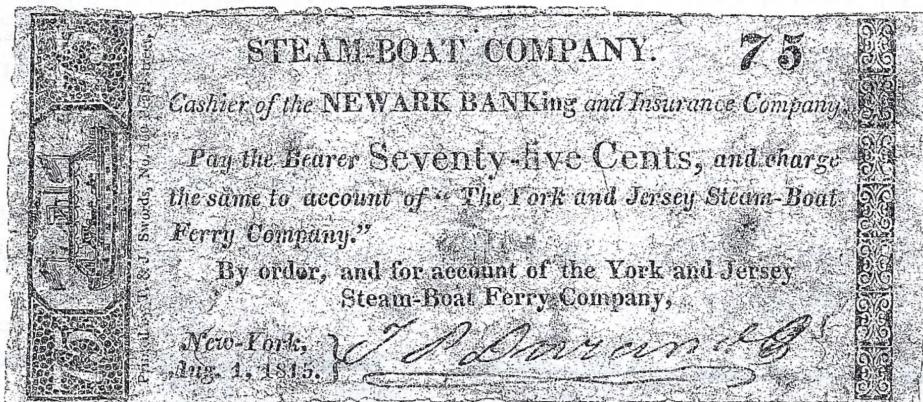


Fig. 4

It took but a few years for steamboats to enter New Jersey's commerce. A steam ferry company was formed about 1814 by New York City attorney, later Mayor, Cadwallader D. Colden and others to provide service between that place and Jersey City. By 1818, when the ferry company received a corporate charter from the New Jersey Legislature, it had two boats in service. One of them is illustrated on its 1815-dated scrip note (fig. 4). The 75 cent denomination is unusual, and represented, among other things, the "rate of ferriage" authorized by the Legislature for carrying "an ordinary market waggon, loaded, covered or uncovered ... drawn by one horse with an ordinary load on to travel a distance, with such as a hogshead of rum or a similar weight, and driver." The company's authorized rates were to be printed and placed "in some conspicuous part of the several boats employed by the said company."

By the 1820s, passengers were carried on the Hudson as far as Albany on regularly scheduled steamboat runs. One of the boats, possibly the Constitution or the Swiftsure, is shown on the vignette signed by M(oseley) Danforth appearing on the 1.00 note of the Hoboken Banking and Grazing Co. (fig. 5).

The Morris Canal and Banking Co. was chartered in 1824 to construct a canal from Phillipsburg on the Delaware to Newark on the Passaic. The construction was financed entirely by private investors and was completed by 1831, a distance of 90 miles. A 12 mile extension to

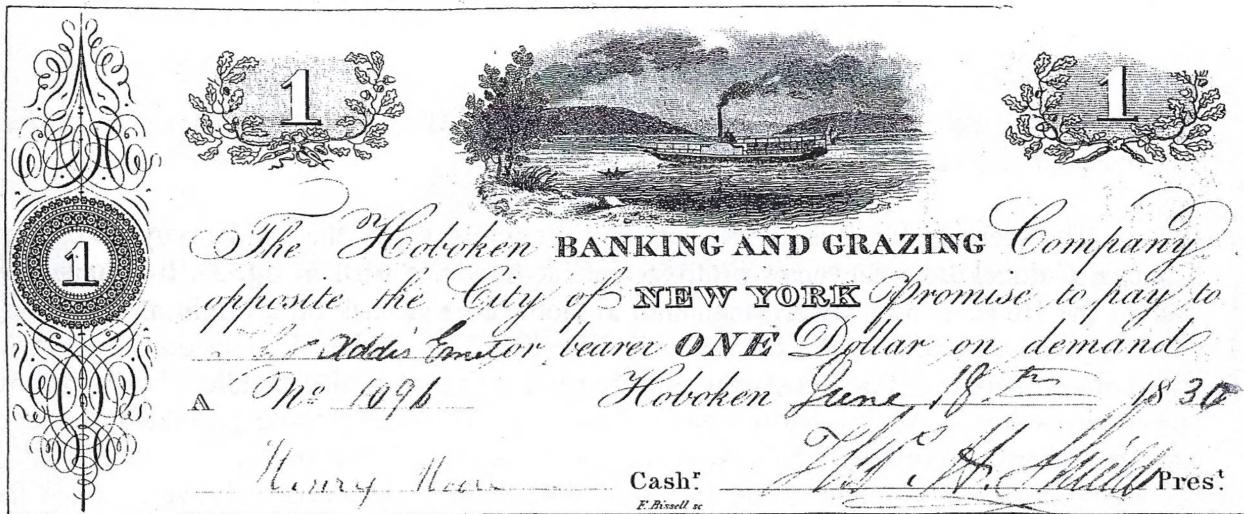


Fig. 5

Jersey City was completed in 1836. To raise the canal boats the 760 feet from river level at Phillipsburg to the summit at Lake Hopatcong, and to lower them the 914 feet to river level at Jersey City, and vice versa, required construction of 31 locks and 23 inclined planes. At the planes, the canal boats (each of which could carry up to 75 tons of cargo) were floated onto cradles riding on rails, and winched up and down by water-driven turbines. Only three of the inclined planes were double-tracked so as to simultaneously handle boats going in both directions. One of these was Plane Nine West at Port Warren, the longest at 1,788 feet and also the highest from bottom to top. Some of the notes issued by the canal company show vignettes of Plane Nine West (fig. 6).



Fig. 6

By the 1850s when the Hudson County Bank was chartered, Upper New York Bay was a bustling hub of navigation. Here on its 20.00 note (fig. 7) is shown an ocean-going sailing ship and a single stack sidewheeler ferry. The round building in the right background is Castle Garden, now known as Castle Clinton National Monument. The view is from what is now Liberty State Park in Jersey City, itself a former rail transport center.

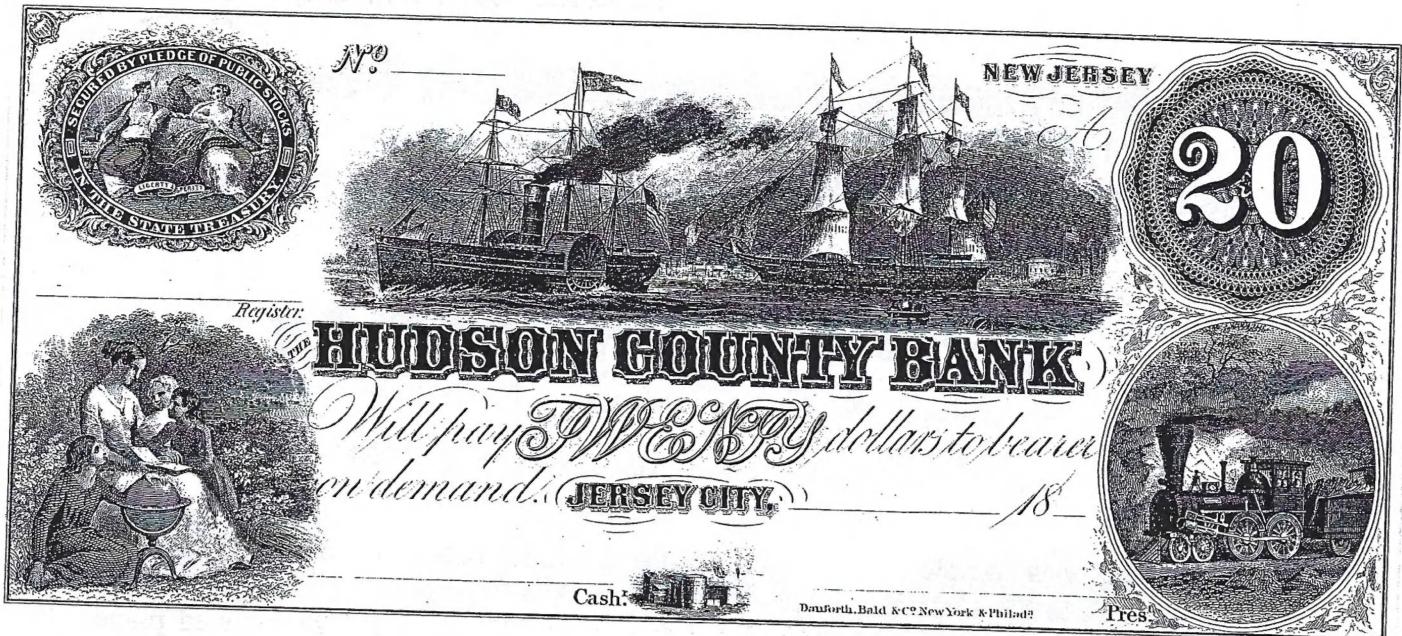


Fig. 7

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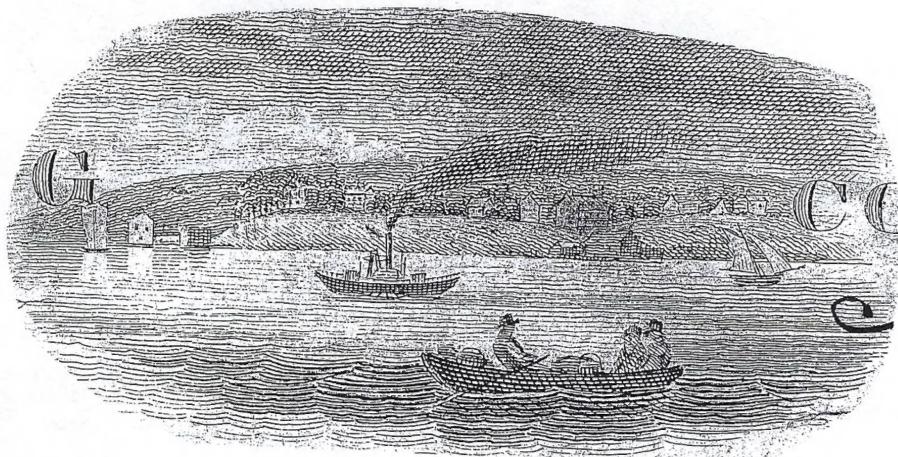
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Detail of Fig. 2

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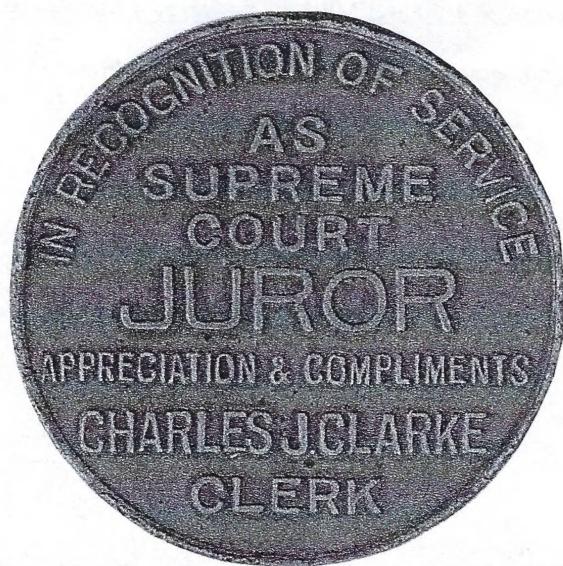
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I remember Clifford Mishler picking up this token (a few years back) on one of his trips to a coin show. Just in case you didn't know it is from Syracuse, N.Y.